(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Bank Group	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Grand Total
1	Public Sector Banks	9,448	11,308	8,102	8,833	9,423	47,114
2	Private Sector Banks	1,412	1,635	2,056	1,892	1,850	8,845
	TOTAL	10,860	12,943	10,158	10,725	11,273	55,959

(d) The existing Management Information System of RBI does not maintain sector-wise data of amounts written off in NPA accounts. However, the data obtained from Public Sector Banks regarding the amounts written off by them during the last five years pertaining to corporate sector, agriculure sector and retail loan sector is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Sector	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Grand Total
Corporate Sector	4,739	5,561	2,622	4,449	3,161	20,532
Agriculture Sector	980	1,308	520	697	931	4,436
Retail Loan Sector	1,927	2,666	1,934	1,631	2,456	10,614
TOTAL	7,646	9,535	5,077	6,777	6,548	35,582

(Data provisional)

Coal Bed Methane Policy

*322. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Coal Bed Methane Policy 1997;

(b) the details of blocks awarded for the exploration and production;

(c) the basis of awarding such blocks;

(d) whether the exploration in all the blocks have been completed;

(e) if so, the details of the blocks, capacity-wise; and

(f) in how many blocks commercial production has started and how is it being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (f) Government of India approved Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy in 1997 to harness the resource of CBM gas in the country. Implementation commenced in 2001 by offering CMB blocks in first round of CBM policy. Till date, three rounds of CBM policy have been concluded. The salient features of CBM policy are given at Statement (*See* below).

Under this policy, Government of India has awarded 23 CBM blocks to Indian and foreign companies on equal terms and conditions through international competitive bidding system in a transparent manner. In addition to 23 CBM blocks, Government of India had also awarded 2 blocks on nomination basis to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Coal

India Limited (CIL) as well as 1 block to Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited (GEECL) through Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) route. Thus, 26 CBM blocks have been contracted till date. These blocks are located in the states of Andhra Pradesh (2), Chhattisgarh (3), Gujarat (1), Jharkhand (6), Madhya Pradesh (5), Maharashtra (1), Rajasthan (4) and West Bengal (4).

Under third round of CBM policy, Bids were evaluated on a scale of 100 points based on three main criteria, *viz.*, Technical Capability (20 points), committed work program for the block (45 points) and fiscal package (35 points). Bid Evaluation Criteria were totally quantified and made available to the bidders through Notice Inviting Offer (NIO) before submitting the bids. Technical capability criterion included operatorship experience, acreage holding, reserves and annual production of the operator. Work programme included the minimum commitment by the operator for carrying out exploration and pilot assessment in the block. Fiscal package indicated the offered Government take. CBM blocks were awarded to the bidders getting highest points out of 100 points.

CBM Exploration period has been divided into two parts, *viz.*, (i) Phase-I up to 3 years and (ii) Phase II up to 5 years including pilot assessment and market confirmation. As of date, 3 CBM blocks are in development and production stage and remaining blocks are in different exploration phases.

In 26 CBM blocks, 1453 billion cubic metres (BCM) of resources were estimated at the time of offer of these blocks. Block-wise resource estimates are at the Statement-II (*See* below) In four blocks, CBM gas reserves of the order of 176 billion cubic metres (BCM) have been established by GEECL, ONGC and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL).

First commercial production of CBM gas by GEECL commenced in July, 2007 in Raniganj located in West Bengal. The gas produced is being supplied to local industries in the vicinity of the block.

Statement-I

The salient features of CBM policy

The successful bidder would be required to enter into a contract with the Government, which will be negotiated based on the Model Contract (MC). Some of the features of the attractive terms offered by the Government are:

(i) No signature bonus.

(ii) Royalty at the rate of 10% on the value of CBM in accordance with Oilfield (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and the Rules framed thereunder payable to the relevant State Government.

(iii) Additionally, *ad-valorem* biddable Production Leval Payment (PLP), payable to the Central Government, on every incremental production of zero point five (0.5) Million Standard Cubic Metre per Day (MMSCMD) or part thereof.

(iv) Freedom to market gas in domestic market at market determined prices.

(v) Fiscal stability provision in the contract.

(vi) No customs duty on imports required for CBM operations.

(vii) Provisions for assignment of Participating Interest.

(viii) Arbitration provisions governed by Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996

(ix) One time lump sum Commercial Bonus of US $ zero point three (0.3) million by foreign companies or equivalent amount in Indian Rupees by India companies, after declaration of commerciality of CBM.

(x) Corporate income-tax payable as per the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Statement-II

Block-wise resource estimates at the time of offer of the blocks

Sl. No.	Block Name	Operator	Resource (BCM)	Nomination/ CBM rounds	Date of Signing Contracts
1.	Raniganj (South)	GEECL	28	FIPB route	31.5.2001
2	SP(E)-CBM-2001/I	RIL	49	CBM-I	26.7.2002
3	SP(W)-CBM-2001/I	RIL	37	CBM-I	26.7.2002
4	Raniganj (North)	ONGC	43	Nomination	6.2.2003
5	RG(East)-CBM-2001/I	Essar Oil Ltd	42	CBM-I	26.7.2002
6	BK-CBM-2001/I	ONGC	45	CBM-I	26.7.2002
7	NK-CBM-2001/I	ONGC	62	CBM-I	26.7.2002
8	Jharia	ONGC	85	Nomination	6.2.2003
9	SK-CBM-2003/II	ONGC	30.5	CBM-II	6.2.2004
10	NK(W)-CBM2003/II	ONGC	43.6	CBM-II	6.2.2004
11	ST-CBM-2003/II	ONGC	29.3	CBM-II	6.2.2004
12	SH(N)-CBM-2003/II	RIL	33.9	CBM-II	6.2.2004
13	BS(1)-CBM-2003/II	RIL	95.10	CBM-II	6.2.2004
14	BS(2)-CBM-2003/II	RIL	87.7	CBM-II	6.2.2004
15	BS(3)-CBM-2003/II	ONGC	87.2	CBM-II	6.2.2004
16	WD-CBM-2003/II	ONGC	19.9	CBM-II	6.2.2004
17	RM-CBM-2005/III	ARROW	158	CBM-III	7.11.2006
18	BB-CBM-2005/III	BPE	50	CBM-III	7.11.2006
19	TR-CBM-2005/III	ARROW	53.78	CBM-III	7.11.2006
20	MR-CBM-2005/III	ARROW	119	CBM-III	7.11.2006
21	SP(North)-CBM-2005/III	REL	16.72	CBM-III	7.11.2006
22	SR-CBM-2005/III	COALGAS	31	CBM-III	7.11.2006
23	KG(E)-CBM-2005/III	REL	57.2	CBM-III	7.11.2006
24	BS(4)-CBM-2005/III	REL	82	CBM-III	7.11.2006
25	BS(5)-CBM-2005/III	REL	38	CBM-III	7.11.2006
26	GV(North)-CBM-2005/III	COALGAS	29.65	CBM-III	7.11.2006